



About Tennessee Virtual Academy (TNVA)

Tennessee Virtual Academy, a nonprofit public school, is a full-time online school offered through Union County Public Schools, serving students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade. TNVA follows all state accountability standards and requirements, and uses Tennessee-certified teachers who provide instruction and support. The school offers flexible and personalized programs adaptable for all types of learners, including students with special needs, medical challenges, and others who struggled in traditional brick-and-mortar schools.

School Population (as of January 2015)

Enrollment: 1300 students	Special education: 15% (<i>State Average = 7%</i>)
Staff: 80 teachers & administrators	Returning Students: 72%
Free and Reduced Lunch: 74% (<i>State Average = 58%</i>)	New Students: 28% (<i>2013-14: 60% new students vs. 40% returning</i>)

2014 Academic Results

TNVA significantly improved its outcomes and made academic progress in virtually every category compared to the previous two years:

- From 2013 to 2014, TNVA improved its overall Academic Growth Index at a faster rate than most other public schools.
- TNVA improved its School Growth Measure in all subjects: Reading/Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies.
- TNVA significantly improved its overall school-level composite trend, making a 36.1 point improvement since opening.
- TNVA met its Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO) Targets in 5 out of 6 grades.
- Data shows, the longer students are enrolled in TNVA, the better they perform; 2nd and 3rd year students made positive academic gains.

More than 125 other Tennessee public schools had the same rating as TNVA (Level 1 overall on its one-year, two-year, and three-year composite trends). Of these schools:

- TNVA had the largest improvement gains over three years. (36 of these schools had declining performance).
- TNVA's improvement was seven times greater than the average.

New Academic Initiatives in 2014-15

- Data-driven instruction and more effective academic programs
- New teacher training and instructional tools
- Customized assessments to measure learning gaps and gains

- Emphasis on additional small group and one-on-one instruction
- Increased enrichment and remediation for struggling students
- Better and more frequent parent-teacher communication for student progress

TNVA Teachers

- TNVA teachers are highly qualified, state-certified teachers. They are a dedicated team of educators who provide instruction, assessment, and support to meet the individual needs of every student.
- TNVA follows the same state-mandated student-teacher ratios followed by all TN schools.

Accountability

- TNVA is held to the highest level of accountable and follows all the same state laws and requirements of all public schools. TNVA students participate in state tests and must adhere to academic and attendance policies.
- TNVA provides full services to special education students and economically disadvantaged students, however the state does not provide TNVA special education or Title I funds.

TNVA Meets the Individual Needs of Students

- A young autistic boy named Matthew was struggling in his traditional school and falling behind. Matthew's mother, Arika, enrolled her son at TNVA where he received an Individualized Education Plan. Working with TNVA's teachers and specialists, Matthew improved his communication skills and performed above grade level.
- Michael had developmental delays and was constantly bullied during his first year of middle school. After months of failed intervention, Michael's mother, Karen, enrolled him in TNVA. Now in his second year, Michael is the happiest he's been in years while thriving and making academic gains through TNVA's unique personalized structure.
- A high achieving TNVA student battling cancer balanced treatment and academics successfully graduated from middle school last year.
- Dan'ye heralds TNVA as a blessing for her two special needs and gifted children. They can work at their own pace while she remains involved every step of the way. Both students finished the year with straight A's.
- A 5th grade student with dyslexia was pulled out of his local school because he was a victim of bullying. Through TNVA, he has made friends through online school clubs and is motivated by the individual support he receives from his teachers.